Development Programme (IRDP). Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). These programmes are reviewed regul arly by the Central Level Cordination Committee. The State Level Coordination Committee and at the district level by the Governing Body of the District Rural Development Agencies. In addtition physical progress is monitored by the Ministry of Programme implementation.

The Ministry of Rural Development has introduces scheme of Area Officers under which a team of officers visit States and give first hand account of existing problems and progress with reference to these three and other schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development. The Scheme is in operation since 1993.

In addition . the Ministry of Rural Development undertakes periodic concurrent evaluations of their major programmes.

Several initiatives have been taken in both streamlining and enhancing the scope of different poverty alleviation programmes during the year 1993-94.

On the basis of the findings of evaluation studies as well as the constant feedbak from the field, certain modifications have been made in the IRDP. Among the important steps taken in the recent past to make the programme more effective in achieving the objective of poverty alleviation are : (i) raising the level of investment per family; (ii) extension of family credit plan to 213 districts in the country during the current year and (iii) revision of infrastructural norms for improving the productivity of the IRDP projects. These measures are to be implemented through out the country including the State of Maharashtra.

Under the JRY funds flow to every district/village in the country. However, it was recognised that the resources were thinly spread across the country. Hence, it was decided to intensify the JRY in selected backward districts where there was a concentration of the poor, unemployed and under employed. Accordingly the intensified JRY was lauched in 120 selected backward districts with substantial increase in the flow of funds to these districts. In addition, from 2-10-1993 the EAS was launched in 1779 RPDS blocs to provide an assured wage employment of 100 days off casual manual work to all able bodied persons who were in need of and willing to work during the lean agricultural season. This was in response to an assessment that on an average only 15—25 days of employment per person per years was being generated under JRY.

While 16 districts of Maharashtra are covered under the IJRY, the EAS is being implemented in 114 RPDS blocks in Maharahstra.

(c) Does not arise.

Development scheme in Gujarat

822. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development scheme pertaining to the State of Gujarat which are pending as yet with the Central Government;

(b) the proposed financial outlay, physical targets. resource mobilisation and benefits likely to accrue to the State;

(c) since when these schemes are pending; and

(d) the action taken to clear these schemes expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No scheme of Gujarat is pending with the Planning Commission for investment clearance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Centrally sponsored scheme

823. SHRI GOVINDRAD ADIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has formulated any plan to effectively implement Centrally sponsored schemes in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps taken to make these schemes more useful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has not formulated any plan to effectively implement Centrally sponsored schemes in Maharashtra. Centrally sponsored schemes are formulated by the Central Ministries/ Departments in consultation with the State Governments/UTs and are implemented by the State Governments/UTs. The Planning Commission does not have any direct role in their implementation. It, however generally reviews the implementation of Plan schemes during the Annual Plan discussions with the State/Union Territories.

Projects Monitored by Government

824. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the details of those projects in the State of Punjab which are being monitored by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): As on June 1994, eight central sector projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above are being monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation. The details of these projects are given in the statement.

Statement

Projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above under implementation in Punjab (*As on* 30-06-94)

Sector/Name of the Project	Anticipated Cost (Rs. Crores)	Anticipated date of Commissioning
1	2	3
Railways		
1. Beas-Goindwal Railway Line 27Km. Northern Railway	21.13	12/94
2 Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala Ph. II	359.13	3/95